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DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD. _____
SERIES _____
NEG.NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994

YOUR ADDRESS: 133 South Fitzhugh Street TELEPHONE: (716)546-7029
Rochester, NY 14608

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Joseph Northrup House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 289 North Greece Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Mary R. Lake ADDRESS: (same) Hilton, NY 14468
6. USE: Original: residence/farm Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☒ (fdn.) c. brick ☒ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: Asphalt roof
shingles at front and rear blocks. Metal roof at north wing. Concrete
foundation beneath front porch.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☐
c. masonry load bearing walls ☒
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This has some Greek Revival columns on the front, but it's, basically, not a Greek Revival house. Note the French windows. It's a 'green plus.' " P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn ☒ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
d. privy ☒ e. shed ☒ (2) f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: Mature trees.
j. other: Smokehouse, chicken coop, and silo. Above-ground pool (1987).

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land ☒ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☒
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1858 (per map) - c. 1861 (per owner)

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: probably Joseph Northrup, original owner

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Agricultural: Farmhouse and outbuildings.

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Note: See attached "History of the Brick House" by Mary R. Lake for additional information on alterations, especially pertaining to the interior.

Shutters removed.

Shed-roofed, screened-in porch addition (1978) with concrete foundation has been added on the south side of the original south porch.

Paired casement windows added on first and second floors of the rear wing, west elevation.

North elevation of rear wing has small, nine-light replacement window placed into original, larger window opening on the first floor. The second floor of this elevation has a new casement window.

French doors have been installed in the tall window openings on the east elevation of the main block at the first floor. These openings originally had double-hung windows according to an 1877 print (see attached).

Wooden porch floor replaced with concrete in 1937.

17. The Joseph Northrup House is located on a 7.3 acre lot on the west side of North Greece Road in the northwest quadrant of the town. The property has retained its rural feeling and has many mature trees including prominent horse chestnut trees in the front yard. The driveway is north of the house, beyond which is a row of outbuildings. These include a contributing shed-roofed, frame chicken coop, a contributing, mid-nineteenth-century brick, gable-roofed smoke house and privy, and a non-contributing, gambrel-roofed frame shed (1984). Located west of the house is a contributing one and one-half story, gable-roofed frame shed (1823, per owner) and a non-contributing above-ground pool (1987). A large, open field is north of the house. Situated on the northwest part of the property is a contributing gable-roofed, frame barn (pre-1848, per owner) with a contributing twentieth-century concrete silo on the east side. Diagonally across the street from this property is a nineteenth-century vernacular farmhouse with a barn.

18. The Joseph Northrup House is brick vernacular farmhouse consisting of a two-story, front-gabled main block with a full-width front porch; a one-story, shed-roofed north wing; and a one and one-half story, gable-roofed rear, west, wing with an original one-story porch and a modern porch addition on the south side. The house sits atop a pargeted, stone foundation with a stone watertable at the front and south elevation of the main block and brick watertable elsewhere. Fenestration is regular and repetitive with stone sills and lintels and double-hung wood sash.

The front, east, elevation is four bays wide on the first floor and three bays wide above. The one-story, front porch is original with square Doric type, wood posts. The tall window openings at the first floor, facing onto the porch, have been replaced with French doors, each with three panes of glass above and a recessed wood panel below. These window openings appear to have originally been double-hung sash (see attached illustration). The entrance is in the third bay from the left and features a wood paneled door with two panes of glass above. The second floor has three, six-over-six, double-hung wood sash. A diamond-shaped opening is located above in the gable end. It is currently filled with a louver but may have once had a window. A narrow frieze band is located on the wall below the roof overhang.

The south elevation of the main block is four bays wide with six-over-six, double-hung wood windows in each bay.

The north elevation of the north wing has two, six-over-six, double-hung wood windows and an entrance in the westernmost bay. The window opening on the west elevation of the north wing is segmentally arched.

The original one-story porch on the south elevation of the rear, west, wing retains some of the original square Doric posts, similar in design to those at the front porch. This porch has been enclosed within a shed-roofed, porch addition. The upper story window openings on the north and south elevations of the rear wing are segmentally arched.

This historic farmstead retains six contributing agricultural structures. Of special note are the two small, mid-nineteenth-century, gable-roofed brick outbuildings: the west structure is a three-hole privy, while the one to the east is a smokehouse.

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Both have paneled wood doors on the south elevation. West of these is a small, shed-roofed chicken coop with vertical tongue-and-groove siding and sliding, four-light windows. The chicken coop was moved here from the adjacent property to the north. The contributing, gable-roofed shed (1823), west of the house, is of heavy post and beam construction with vertical tongue-and-groove wood siding, a metal roof, and hinged doors. The date "1823" is carved into the wood above the window in the east gable end. The side-gabled English barn is also of post and beam construction with a fieldstone foundation, vertical tongue-and-groove boards, an asphalt-shingled roof, and sliding track doors. This is believed to be the same barn that was on the site in 1848 when Joseph Northrup acquired the property. Verbal history states that the barn was moved here from another site further south on North Greece Road. The contributing concrete silo, east of the barn, is missing its original roof.

20. Built c. 1858-61, this brick house is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as an outstanding brick vernacular farmhouse with surviving agricultural outbuildings. It is equally significant for its historical association with the Joseph Northrup family, early settlers of North Greece Road.

The present owner of the house, Mary R. Lake, has prepared a history of the house (see attached) which provides an extensive overview of the development of the property and information on its owners. Also included with Mrs. Lake's paper is a copy of Joseph Northrup's autobiography "Life Events of Joseph Northrup" and a biography of Joseph Northrup from *History of Monroe County 1788-1877*.

The house, outbuildings, and setting on 7.3 acres retain a high degree of period integrity. The use of brick as the primary building material is a sign of the builder's concern for constructing a farmhouse that would last for generations. Although the basic front-gabled form is vernacular, the front porch with its square, Doric columns is Greek Revival in inspiration.

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The collection of agricultural dependencies, consisting of the smokehouse, privy, chicken coop, shed, barn, and silo further adds to the historic integrity of the setting. Historic agricultural structures are quickly vanishing from the town's landscape, victims of development, deterioration, abandonment, or fire. Those agricultural complexes which have survived, such as the Joseph Northrup Farm, are rare and thus highly significant historic resources. This farmstead is an important visual reminder of the town's agricultural heritage.

The brick farmhouse was built by its original owner, Joseph Northrup. Northrup was born in 1806 in Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York. His wife, Maria Wesley Northrup, was originally from East Bloomfield, New York. Northrup moved to Rochester in 1825 and worked in the city for about nine years as a teamster and horseman. Northrup was employed by Jonathan Child who was elected mayor of Rochester in 1834.

Northrup moved to the town of Greece in the mid-1830s and soon established a farm on North Greece Road. In 1836 and 1842 Northrup purchased property on the east side of North Greece Road. Then in 1848 he bought 118.39 acres on the west side of the road.

The brick farmhouse was probably built by 1861 or possibly a few years earlier. No buildings are shown on this site on the 1852 county map. A different building, owned by J. Northrup, appears on the same map across the street to the east. A building first appears on the west side of the road in the approximate location of the present brick house on the 1858 county map. Mrs. Lake's research indicates that the brick house may have been built about 1861 based on a reference to Northrup's autobiography of 1885 (attached) in which he states "about twenty-four years ago I built the brick house...."

The attached illustration of the house and of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Northrup appeared in *The History of Monroe County 1788 - 1877*. The Northrups had seven children, five of whom reached maturity: Mary A., Philip C., George W., Joseph W., and Francis M. In addition to running the farm, Joseph Northrup served as Commissioner of Highways and Assessor of the Town of Greece.

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In 1862, the Northrups deeded 50 acres of the original 118 acres to Alexander Wilder and, in 1871, the remaining 67 acres went to the Northrups son, George, and his wife, Celia. Maria and Joseph Northrup continued to live here with their son and daughter-in-law until their deaths in 1871 and in 1899, respectfully.

George W. Northrup, followed in his father's footsteps and became a farmer. The 1902 county map shows Geo. W. Northrup as the owner of this 63 acre farm. George and Celia raised their three daughters in the brick farmhouse. Their daughter Junietta W. (or Nettie) married John Bridgeman of Greece. The Bridgemans lived nearby at 358 North Greece Road (see inventory form).

In 1907, George and Celia sold the 67 acre property to Bernard and Eunice Kelly of Rochester. Their son, Roy B. Kelly, and his wife, Ruby, lived here and ran the farm. Barnard Kelly deeded the property to Roy and Ruby Kelly in 1919. Roy B. Kelly is listed as the owner of the farm on the 1924 county map. He is also listed as the owner of the farm in the 1936 and 1938 suburban directories.

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History of THE BRICK HOUSE

289 North Greece Road

Town of Greece

County of Monroe

by

Mary R. Lake
(Mrs. O. Warren Lake)

October 1994

289 North Greece Road is a lovely brick home of Greek or Greek revival architecture. Upstairs it has four bedrooms and two baths with a pull-down stairway to the attic. The first floor has a large living room, dining room, kitchen and three smaller rooms used as laundry, den and odds-and-ends room plus a powder room. The basement is finished and carpeted.

This home was built in 1861 by Joseph Northrup (occasionally spelled Northrop and even Northroup). Since there is no record of the exact date the house was built it seems appropriate to explain how we arrived at the date 1861.

Mr. Northrup dictated a short autobiography on May 13, 1885 in which he says "about twenty-four years ago I built the brick house in which I now live". That would mean about 1861 the house at 289 was built. However someone many years ago crossed off "twenty-four" and replaced it with the numerals "40". That change would have dated it at 1845. Mr. Northrup's record goes on to say, "After that house was finished I built a frame house on the east side of the road into which Philip first moved." Philip was married on Dec. 25, 1861 which would seem to be about the time this very generous father might have agreed to provide his son and wife a home. If the houses had been constructed in 1845 Philip would scarcely have moved into the new one as he was born in 1836 so would have been only nine years old.

Another fact to substantiate the date of 1861 instead of 1845 is the dictation "on the 8th day of January, 1848 I purchased 118.39 acres of land on the west side of the road". He would not have built a house on property he didn't own. Thus we maintain that this home was built in 1861, making it 133 yr. old.

Mr. Joseph Northrup was born in 1806 to Joseph P. Northrup and his wife Olive Cowen, in Jefferson, Schoharie County, N.Y. He began work as an apprentice wagon-maker in Schoharie Co. for his brother-law, Daniel Wright, but he became dissatisfied because Mr. Wright kept him busy at other work. Mr. Northrup left about 1825, aged nineteen, and came to a hotel in Brighton owned by

Oliver Culver who took in the young man from Saturday night until Monday morning. Mr. Northrup went on to Rochester where within two hours, he says, he was employed by a Mr. Hogan at eleven dollars a month. He remained in Rochester about seven years, driving stage about four years of that time. He was driving team for Jonathan Childs when the latter was elected Mayor of Rochester about 1834.

On the 7th of November, 1830 he married Maria (Mariah) Wesley at East Bloomfield. She was born in Windsor, Conn., April 7, 1810.

They came to live on a farm in Greece which he bought from David M. Jacox who had purchased it from Elkony Fellows. The title was defective so Mr. Northrup lost \$250 which he had paid. Afterward on Dec. 15, 1836 he repurchased the same farm, lot #41 from one of the McClure heirs, Harry Bennett and Mary, his wife. The property consisted of about 100 acres. Then in 1842 he purchased about 50 acres more from Abigail and Jane Carpenter. (These properties are on the east side of North Greece Rd. Some of this plus the buildings belongs to the Town of Greece now (1994) for the leaf-composting venture.)

In the record that he dictated Mr. Northrup made no reference to building a house or where they lived when he was "attacked with fever-ague which kept me confined to the house about a year". During that time he rented the farm to the Wesley brothers who were brothers of his wife. They agreed to build a barn in payment for the use of the farm for three years. They did so and when the lease expired he returned to his farm "In the Town of Greece ". Where he lived we do not know but it had to have been in the Town of Greece because he later states that all his children were born in this town and one was born in Aug. 1842 and a set of twins in Sept 1845.

As mentioned earlier Mr. and Mrs. Northrup bought 118.39 acres on the west side of the road from Jerome and Susan Fellows at \$55 per acre on Jan. 8, 1848. There was a barn and a small shanty built in 1823 on the property. In the shanty Mahlon Atwell, husband of Virginia Wilder, was born when his father rented it.

Verbal history states that the barn was moved here from somewhere south on the same road. Several other barns were built and have been destroyed but it is assumed that the one remaining is the one that Mr. Northrup bought. The 1823 shanty still stands.

(More about the Northrup families follows on a later page.)

In 1862 the Northrups deeded 50½A. (one deed says 51½A) to Alexander Wilder, and in 1871 the remainder of the 118.39 acres (about 67acres) was deeded to son George and Celia Northrup. The parents continued to live with their children until their deaths. Maria died later in 1871 and Joseph died in 1899.

In a short time the railroad came along and George deeded .432 A. to the Lake Ontario Shore R. R. Co. and a second parcel containing 1.813 acres, more or less.

There are Northrups living in the area who might know more about descendents of these early families. We do know that Celia and George lost one daughter at the age of two or three in 1872. Mary was buried in Parma Union Cemetery where her parents were later interred - Celia in 1909, aged 67 and George in 1915 at 79.

Perhaps it was ill health that prompted the George Northrups to sell their farm two years before Celia's death. In 1907 they sold their 67 A. to Bernard Kelly and Eunice. The Kelly's lived on Knickerbacker in Rochester and he was employed by the Post Office, so his son Roy Beverly Kelly lived at 289 and ran the farm. Roy's maternal grandmother, Lucinda Beverly (1828-1912), resided with him and kept house. She was the widow of David Beverly (1821-1894).

In 1909 Roy Kelly married Ruby DuColon of Hilton whom he met while they were picking fruit for a relative who farmed on Frisbee Hill Rd. Roy wanted a farm of his own. His father, Bernard bought another farm south on North Greece Road. It seems that Roy and Ruby were to live at the newly acquired farm and his brother Earl and his wife Pearl would take 289. However Ruby preferred the brick house so it was worked out amicably with all concerned and some years later, on August 1, 1919 Bernard deeded the property to Roy and Ruby Kelly.

Though they didn't own 289 North Greece Rd. until 1919, they lived here from their marriage in 1909 and Roy continued to operate the farm as he had done for the previous two years as a single man. Whether his grandmother stayed on is not known. The Kellys had three children during those ten years. (More about them later.)

In 1948 some of the property was sold. A triangular lot on the southeast corner was sold to Anna Mae Carboneau of Murray St., Rochester. That may have divided again when she sold it without having built on it.

Also in 1948 Mr. and Mrs. Kelly sold 7.434 acres to Irving Carlton Matthews, Jr. and Janet Ferguson Matthews. They came here from Irondequoit, lived here seven and one-half years then moved ~~back~~ to a new home they built on Mt. Airy Dr. back in / Irondequoit in May, 1956. Mrs. Matthews was a Ferguson of the Ferguson Hardware family in Charlotte and Mr. Matthews, known as Carl, was involved in the family business also. Janet was associated with the Eastern Star organization in an official capacity. Their two sons must have been very young when they moved here as they were elementary school-age, perhaps ten and twelve, when they left. We understand that both Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are deceased.

When the Kellys sold the brick house to the Matthews they spent their winters in Florida and summers in their trailer parked on the northermost section of the farm. Some farming was still being done mostly by someone who rented the property. When the Town of Greece objected to trailer-living Mr. Kelly built a small home at 281 North Greece Rd. where they spent summers and their daughter and son-in-law, George and Velma McWilliams, lived in the house all year.

In 1956 the Matthews deeded their 7.434 acres to O. Warren and Mary Lake. In the subsequent three years Mr. and Mrs. Kelly sold the 13A. containing the barn, and then the house at 281 North Greece on 10 acres, to the Lakes.

Also in 1956 the Kellys sold 34.83A. to Gino and Rose Pelletti, who with their two sons and two daughters enjoyed country living as a family a relatively few years when Mrs. Pelletti died. A few years later he died but not until he had sold a lot to his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Femiano, who built a

home next door to the Pelletti home. Another lot was sold to the Steines family and about 1965 Werner and JoAnn Preissing built on a lot next door on the south to the brick house. The Pellett house has been sold more than once, the current residents being the Barwald family. (Note that Pelletti was changed to Pellett by the family.) There is still acreage belonging to the family.

By 1959 the Kellys had sold all of the area deeded to them by George and Celia Northrup. They moved along with their daughter and son-in-law into a home at 346 North Greece Rd. which the latter had purchased from Myron Kelly when he and his family went to a farm on Wilder Rd., Hilton. That farm became "Kelly's", a locally famous apple and cider farm, now under different ownership. Roy and Ruby continued to live with Velma and George McWilliams until their deaths.

When the Lakes moved into the brick house on May 10th, 1956, they had two small children. Two more came along later. (More about the family later.)

In its 133 years this house has had six owners with four different names, Northrup, Kelly, Matthews and Lake, the first two transferring from father to son so the name didn't change. It has undergone a great deal of remodeling to improve comfort and convenience of what was affectionately called the "brick pile" when the Kellys lived here.

Originally there were two doors to the south porch from the kitchen. A small room was built by one of the Northrup families outside one of these doors so they could go into what they called a "flower room" or "plant room". Perhaps it was a sort of hot-house for starting seeds growing.

Bernard Kelly put in a bathroom on the second floor sometime between 1907-09. A small bedroom was used thus making the bathroom a passageway between front and back bedrooms.

We think it was Bernard Kelly who put in central heating using one of the five chimneys. Three of those appear in the sketch in the History of Monroe Co., 1788 to 1877. That chimney had had a fireplace in the summer kitchen which was

destroyed. The hot water goes through very large, heavy radiators, many of which remain. The furnace was probably coal-fired, later oil and recently gas.

Electricity was put in to some degree by Roy Kelly and more outlets and fixtures added by the Matthews and the Lakes. Velma Kelly recalled her father putting candles on the Christmas tree and standing by with a pail of water to avert tragedy. The tree was in the southeast corner of the sitting room.

In the 1920s Mr. Kelly had a fireplace built into the chimney on the south wall of the sitting room by a Mr. Merritt or Mr. Merrick. In 1937 he had the wall containing a long closet removed from their living-dining room and later the Matthews removed the sliding doors and partition between sitting and dining rooms making a large open living area where there was a dining table at one end.

Early homes used wells, but the Lakes soon found that the well was contaminated so put a purifier and filter on the line coming into the house from the creek for laundry, dishes and bathing. Until the water main was installed Mr. Lake carried water home from work for drinking and brushing teeth.

The first project for the Lakes was to replace the leaking slate roof. It has been reroofed since then also.

Warren and Mary Lake made the old kitch/^{en} into a dining room and built a new, more up-to-date kitchen in the summer kitchen over the cistern. They made a window on the north side into a door giving access to the driveway and added a powder room just inside the door in the mud-laundry room. What a blessing when raising children!

The house had two useable bedrooms in the front part of the upstairs and one in the back near the backstairs, but the hallway between these areas went through the bathroom. The Lakes put up a partition and a doorway into the bathroom, making it private. Another room a one-window garrett west of the back bedroom was made into a finished room with heat and three windows and an adjoining bath. A few upstairs windows have been replaced for better fit and easier care.

There are fifteen windows upstairs and fifteen windows and five doors downstairs. (The three windows on the front porch are really narrow French doors. Many small panes in other windows are original.)

The Lakes had the basement floor lowered about eighteen inches/with a floating cement floor as opposed to the original flagstone. The carpeted "rec" area has been enjoyed by family and friends, church youth groups for overnites and even as short-term bedroom for extra kids or when one who had left the nest returned momentarily. The basement walls are about two feet thick, (cement and stones) and there are three sections of the house which could have been built independently of any other in that each section is divided from the other by a brick wall. The brick layers laid two courses of brick when building.

Roy Kelly replaced the wooden porch floors with cement - where there is a grandson's baby handprint in the cement dated 1937, the year Myron and Lillian Kelly's son Brian was born. (They lived here with Roy and Ruby perhaps until after the second baby, Robert was born.)

At that time, 1937, Mr. Kelly wanted a carport or garage for his new car, so he cut down a section of the front porch, took out the window, enlarged the opening, added large doors and used a downstairs bedroom as a garage. Cars had increased in size by the 1960s so the garage wasn't practical and the owners wanted the window in place. Luckily Mr. Kelly had saved and stored the original window, frame etc. in the barn. It was replaced along with the cut-away porch.

The side porch with its five-six foot wide cement floor and step to the lawn now steps to a paved, screened, roofed picnic area about 12ft. by 30ft. Many happy times with large groups have taken place since this was done in 1978.

Another alteration which replaced the storage area the old "garrett" had provided was adding a pull-down stairs to the third floor from the second floor hallway. If only it weren't so hot up there in the summer and so cold in the winter things might get sorted, dispensed to the proper child or destroyed!

The dates when the North Greece railroad station agent lived here is not clear. Sometime while Roy and Ruby Kelly lived here they made a three-room apartment in the north first floor area. We think there was a north porch off the then-kitchen which was made into a room. In remodeling the kitchen into our dining room we uncovered what must have been a window from the kitchen to the porch. The differing color of the outside brick would indicate that a second-floor window and an area surrounding the far western end of the north wing was done at a different time. Velma Kelly knew that there had been a window at the head of the backstairs and that the brick was different color but she didn't know when changes were made, perhaps when she was too little to remember. It would seem that it was changed after inside plumbing was installed by Bernard Kelly because the outhouse is on that side of the house. It would have been an injustice to have closed the porch in so that anyone wanting to go to the north outdoor bathroom would have to use an east or south door! There was another door to the porch - if it was a porch - from the adjoining room to the east, formerly a bedroom, now a den and playroom. The Matthews paneled that area and built book shelves over the wall containing the door. The Lakes had shelves built on the other side of that door for outer wraps in the mud-room.

When one starts enumerating all the total changes made and all those we have made it is surprising that we lived through all the upheaval at times. However we have had a good life except for the fact that Warren did not get to enjoy the fruits of his labors in retirement. He would have liked retirement here and loved seeing his children and grandchildren coming home to play in the big yard or in the basement or picnic on the porch. We are grateful for all that he made available to his heirs.

The Lake Family - moved to 289 North Greece Rd. in 1956

O. Warren Lake (1920-1979) Newcastle, Indiana
 married Mary C. Rose (1924) South Kortright, Delaware Co., N.Y.
 on June 25, 1949

Children:

Susan May Lake Frank (b.1953) lives in Greece - divorced
 son, Jeremy David Frank (b.1981)

Steven R. Lake (b.1954) lives in Hamlin - divorced

Philip Alan Lake (B.1957) lives at 281 North Greece Rd.
 married Jennifer Mae Toole (1964) Rochester m. Oct. 23, 1988
 son, Trevor James - May 3, 1990
 son, Austin Philip - Dec. 14, 1992

Richard Warren Lake (b.1960) lives in Hilton village
 married Lisa Mae Meredith (b.1963) from Greece m. May 4, 1984
 son, Adam Richard - Oct. 10, 1989
 dau, Emily Rose - June 17, 1992

Warren was a development engineer at Kodak for thirty-two years. He was a Purdue forestry school graduate and displayed his interest in trees by planting and selling Christmas trees as well as planting deciduous trees in the yard. As they the children grew/trimmed trees, drove tractors to take customers back to choose their tree then brought the find up to the vehicle. The young people enjoyed their horse, go-cart, minibikes and motor cycles enroute to cars and trucks. Scout and church activities, various ages of Little League and for one School Marching Band kept parents busy transporting and assisting with those projects.

When the children were very little, just learning to use tricycles we paved the driveway and installed a sidewalk around the house which was a great play area for neighbor children as well. Later the boys, mostly, congregated here to play baseball in the backyard. Pets abounded from chickens, ducks, rabbits, dogs and cats outside to all sorts of indoor caged pets. Our Future Farmer son, Rick, bought two Brown Swiss and started raising Beefalo, part beef cow and part Buffalo. All the Lake children graduated from Hilton Central High School. Three of

them married without going away to college, but the men seem to be successfully employed at Kodak, Steve with the Eastman Chemical company. Phil graduated from

Berkley School of Music in Boston. He is a drummer, teaching in the Hilton area and playing in many places. He played at the Strathallan where he met Jennifer who was a waitress there and she became his wife. Currently she is going to Nursing school. Phil has a small printing business, too. They live with their two little boys at 281 N. Greece in the house the Roy Kellys built when they sold the brick house. Trevor is in Nursery School and Austin is an Active nearly-two-year-old.

Richard and Lisa started housekeeping at 281 'til they bought a house in the Village of Hilton on Orchard St. Rick started work at Kodak in 1979 and at present is Warehouse Coordinator of the Paperboard Dept. of the Package Mfg. Division. He met Lisa when he stopped at a Fanny Farmer shop to visit his sister who worked with Lisa. She is now a busy mother and works part-time as a cashier in Hilton. Adam is in kindergarten and Emily is in Nursery. They attend Hilton Baptist Church.

Steven was married for ten years but is divorced. He has worked at Kodak for over fifteen years, recently in chemicals which became Eastman Chemical. He is Vit. E Pkg. team leader in the Vit. E Concentrate Room. It is the only dept. anywhere that produces and ships natural Vit. E. In his spare time he has completely rebuilt and/or remodeled, added to and sided a country farm house in Hamlin. Super!

Susan graduated from Hilton Central High in 1971, married her school sweetheart in 1974. Jeremy was born in 1981. His father left when Jeremy was two but now sees his son and helps with support. Susan continues to buy and live in the home in Greece they had shared. She is artistic in flower arranging and crafts, loves cats, and would make a good nurse. Jeremy is a good eighth-grader at Hilton.

Mrs. Warren Lake (Mary), mother of the aforementioned children, graduated from Rochester General Hospital School of Nursing in 1945 and continued to work there while living in an apartment near the hospital on West Main St. Her roommate's date, from Bolivia taking training at Kodak, arranged a blind date for Mary with an acquaintance at Kodak. Warren and Mary continued to date and were married fifteen months later, living at the apartment for a year, then they bought a house

at 133 Keehl St., Rochester in 1950, from where they moved to the brick house at 289 North Greece Road.

After marriage in 1949 Mary worked at Visiting Nurse Service and took courses at the University of Rochester graduating in 1950 with a B.S. in Nursing Education.

The first two children arrived while the Lakes lived in the city. However Mary had grown up on a 550+ acre farm in eastern N.Y. and loved the country. She liked a country home having lived in a beautiful old, added-onto house where her father and his four siblings had been raised. Her father, Ralph Rose (1888-1965) and mother, May L. Gates (1892-1950) raised their five children in the same home. When Mary's Dad visited their Keehl house which had three stories, a total of six bedrooms (two finished on the third floor), some of which they rented to single men at Kodak, he remarked that it was a nice little house. The rooms and total outside dimensions were "little" compared to the large home where he had lived all his life.

Warren had come from a semi-rural area of Newcastle, Ind. His parents, Alvin (1892-1968) and Anne Warren (1893-1983) and his two brothers enjoyed the country-like woodsy terrain which was a fun play area for growing boys.

Thus both Mary and Warren were looking for a large, old home in the country. The brick house filled the bill! For the first few years Mary felt as though she was camping but when some of inconveniences were overcome it became a wonderful home for the Lake children, their friends and extended family most of whom lived elsewhere in N.Y. State or out of state. Warren's elder brother and his wife live in Irondequoit and originally Mary had lived with cousins Edmund and Florence King while going to school. Those two families have been untold support to the Lakes.

The home is a gathering place for children and grandchildren still and we hope it can be for some years to come if God be willing.

The Kelly Families lived in the 289 North Greece Rd. house from 1907 to 1948

Bernard F. Kelly (1852-1939) Rochester -owned but did not live at 289
 married Eunice E. Beverly Rochester - dau. of David J. (1821-1894)
 (1861-1921) Lucinda (1828-1912)

Children

Beth Kelly Baetzel
 Francis died at age 1 year in 1881
 Jessie Kelly Mitchell was a nurse in the Town of Greece b.
 Earl married Pearl and owned another farm on N. Greece Rd. (1890-
 d.1952)

Roy Beverly Kelly (1887-1961)
 married Ruby M. DuColon in 1909 (1889-1969) taught school

Children

Myron (Jan. 1, 1911- 1985)
 married Lillian (1913-1994)

Children Brian b. 1937 lives in Springwater
 married 5 children

Robert lives in Hilton

married Tina 3 children

Deborah (1953-1991)

married Z. Hassan - 2 children

Velma (Aug. 6, 1912-Apr. 12, 1994) - taught at Barnard

married George McWilliams (1908-1984)

" George Badgerow

Doris (Oct. 1916-1986)

married Harold Schoenheit

Children Susan Barry lives in Colorado

Robert lives in Livonia

There were many relatives of Roy and Ruby on the Kelly side and perhaps even more DuColons. (If my good friend Velma were still here I could record them.) The families came often to visit on the farm by invitation but more often just drop-ins. Velma said her mother was always fixing food and snacks or stretching meals to include guests. There was usually a live-in hired man, and friends of the young people. Roy and Ruby liked to dance and play cards so they went to, and took their children to, community parties. They belonged to the United Church of Christ and later some of the family went to Hilton Baptist Church/ on Frisbee Hill, east of N. Greece Rd, then they took a train to Charlotte High--no longer room for Greece kids in Hilton. Families took care of the elderly and one of Velma's grandmothers died here.

All Ruby's babies were born here, and at least two Myron and Velma had their tonsils out on the kitchen table by a visiting cousin, Dr. O'Brien.

The Northrups Families lived at 289 N. Greece Rd. from 1861 to 1907

Joseph Northrup (1806-1899)

married Maria Wesley (1810-1871) Conn., East Bloomfield m. Nov. 7, 1830

Children:

Mary Ann born Oct. 12, 1833

married Lyman Button on June 21, 1859 by Rev. E. Sawyer, Greece

*

Henry born June 20, 1838 died July 29, 1838

George W. (Oct. 17, 1839 - 1915)

married Celia A. Wilder (dau. of Ira and Mary Wilder)

m. Dec. 17, 1863 by Rev. E. Jones

Joseph W. born Aug. 31, 1842 died Mar. 21, 1866

Francis Marion (twin) born Sept. 11, 1845

married Louisa Brown on Dec. 25, 1867 by Rev. Emery at Parma, N.Y.

Maria (twin) born Sept 11, 1845 died July 12, 1846

*Philip C. born July 26, 1836

married Elizabeth Armstrong on Dec. 25, 1861 by Rev. E. Jones

Maria Northrup died in Nov. 1871 having suffered the deaths of three of their seven children but having seen four grown and married. She and her husband lived in the brick house from 1861 until their deaths, living with son George and his wife to whom they had transferred title early in the year Maria died, 1871.

Mr. Northrup wrote that he gave each of his children one thousand dollars when they married and later gave each of the four about six thousand in cash or land as near as he could estimate the value. This would indicate that he had been a very industrious and successful farmer and that he was a most considerate, loving father. Maria experienced the "deprivations and hardships" though he did not go into detail. He went on to express gratitude "for the many blessings we have enjoyed" and was thankful that so many of the children "are still spared to me and I to them as mutual comforts and blessings".

Joseph Northrup was elected as Commissioner of Highways and also to the office of assessor of the Town of Greece.

After Joseph's mother died his father married again and another child, (a girl)

was born. She later became Mrs. William Fell (Fall) and survived her husband and her half-brother. When his father came to live with Joseph and Maria there is no reference to his step-mother. Father, Joseph P., died at age 64 at their home.

There were other than their own children living with Joseph and Maria. He had two sisters who died about the same year, 1825. Mary who married Aaron Laine left her husband and three children, two boys and a girl, when she died. Mr. Laine married again and moved out of state. Nothing more is known of them.

His other sister, Ruth(Mrs. Daniel Wright) was survived by two children who "were brought to my home and there they remained until they married". Mary died in Livonia leaving four children and John enlisted and died in the United States Service.

P.S. has been

It/reported verbally that when the land was cleared for the brick house and surrounding farm, the logs were taken to Charlotte where they were put aboard boats and taken down along the Hudson River. There they were exchanged for bricks shipped back for building this house. The waterways were really worthwhile.

Life Events
of
Joseph Northrup

Born: March 6, 1806
Died: January 14, 1899

Written May 13, 1885

A History of events and occurrences
peculiar to the life of Joseph
Northrop made and executed
by him the 13th day of May 1885-

I am one of the de-
scendants of Joseph P Northrop and
Oliver his wife whose maiden name
was Bowen.

I was born in the Town
of Jefferson County of Schoharie
and State of New York on the 6th
day of March 1806.

I had two sisters both older
than myself and named respectively
Mary Northrop and Ruth Northrop.

Both my sisters married
and had families. Both died about
the year 1825. Mary left a husband
Aaron C Laine and three children
her surviving, two boys and one
girl. Ruth left surviving her a
husband Daniel Wright one
son and one daughter.

Laine after the death of his first
wife remarried and moved to the
State of Ohio since which time I

John Wright and Mary no longer
the children of Ruth after the death
of their mother were brought to my
home and there they remained till
they married. John enlisted and died
while in the United States service
Mary died in the Town of Livonia
leaving four children.

I Joseph Northrop began
work as an apprentice to Daniel
Wright - aforesaid a waggon maker
in Schoharie County. But he kept
me employed so much at other
work that I became dissatisfied
left him and came to Rochester
about the year 1825. reaching a ho-
tel in Brighton kept by Oliver
Culver on Saturday night - my
only possessions at the time being
one shilling in money and a small
bundle of clothes. I stated my
condition to Mr Culver who kindly
permitted me to remain at his
house till Monday morning when
I came on to Rochester and
was within two hours after reach-
ing there employed by a man

named Hogan at eleven dollars
per month. Hogan's Place was where
the Clinton Hotel now stands in
Rochester. I remained in Rochester
about seven years and drove stage
about four years of the seven.

I drove team for Jonathan Childs
at the time he was elected mayor
of the City about the year 1834.

On the 7th day of November 1830
I married Maria El Wesley at East
Bloomfield N.Y. We were married
by Squire Benjamin. My wife was
born in Windsor Hartford County
State of Connecticut - April 7th 1810
and died in Greece Monroe County
N.Y. November 12th 1871.

We went to live on a farm in the
Town of Greece bought of David
M. Jacob who purchased the same
from Elkony Fellows. The title was
defective and I had paid about
two hundred and fifty dollars on
it which was a total loss.

Afterward and on the 15th day of
December 1836 I repurchased the
same farm lot number 41 from

one of the McCune heirs Harry Bennett and Mary his wife conveying to me about one hundred acres. On the 1st day of April 1842 I purchased about fifty acres more from Abdial B Carpenter and Jane L Carpenter.

I was about this time attacked with fever-ague which kept me confined to the house about a year.

I rented my farm to the Wesley brothers, who were brothers of my wife, for three years they agreeing to build me a barn for the use of the farm. They did so, and at the expiration of their lease I returned to my farm in the Town of Greece Monroe County N.Y. and have continued to live there ever since, save my present residence is on the opposite or west side of the road.

On the 8th day of January 1848 I purchased $118\frac{39}{100}$ acres of land on the west side of the road from Deane B Fellows and Susan A his wife at fifty five dollars per acre. There was a

basin and small shanty on the place
and in this shanty Mahlon Atwell husband
of Virginia Wilder Atwell was born. the
place being rented by his father at
the time. I at the time of this last
purchase borrowed two thousand
dollars from Joseph D Gimmodo
popularly known as "honest-Joe" and
gave him a mortgage as security.
He at that time claimed to be worth
about fourteen thousand dollars
and as I had helped him to secure
a position in his early life he said
he owed his all to me and of-
fered to give me all the money
he had if I would pay him
annual interest on it as long
as he lived. I declined his gen-
erous offer and he died a year
or two afterward. On January
5th 1853 I paid up the mortgage
and the same was discharged by
Moses Chapin Administrator of
Gimmodo.

My children were all born and
reared in the Town of Greece
County of Monroe & State of New York.

and in the order following to wit:

Mary Ann Northrop	Born.	Oct. 12. 1833
Philip C.	"	July. 26. 1836
Henry	"	June 20. 1838
George W.	"	Oct. 17. 1839
Joseph W.	"	Aug. 31. 1842
Francis M.	} Twins	Sept 11. 1845
Maria		" " "

Four only are still living

Henry died	July 29 th	1838
Maria	" 12 th	1846
Joseph W	March. 21 st	1866.

Mary Ann. married Lyman Button
on the 21st of June 1859. married
by Rev. E Sawyer Green N.Y.

Philip C was married to Elizabeth
Armstrong by Rev. E Jones on
the 25th day of December 1861.

George W. and Celia A Wilder
daughter of Isaac & Mary Wilder were
married by Rev. E Jones Dec. 17. 1863
and Marion and Louisa Brown
were married December 25th 1867
at Pasma N.Y. By Rev. Emery

About twenty four years ago I
built the brick house in which I

now live with George and his family. After that house was finished I built a frame house on the East side of the road into which Philip first moved. Then Marion went into it and afterward rented it and went to Charlotte to live. After about three years he returned and still continues to live therein.

I gave each of my children one thousand dollars when they married and have now given each of the four remaining about six thousand dollars in cash or land as near as I can now estimate the same.

I have been elected to and held the position of Commissioner of highways and also the office of Assessor of the Town of Greece.

The widow of the late William Fall is a half sister of mine being a daughter of my father's second family.

Many were the deprivations and hardships experienced by

me during my early life and in fact extending into my more mature years, but as the bright side of a picture is always most agreeable and the most pleasing. I forbear placing before my children a record of the darker scenes which though they might serve as a caution to them, they would not gladden their hearts save only as it might cause them as it does myself to feel grateful for the many blessings we have enjoyed and also thankful that so many of them are still shared to me and I to them as mutual comforts & blessings

Witness my hand
and seal this
13th day of May 1885.

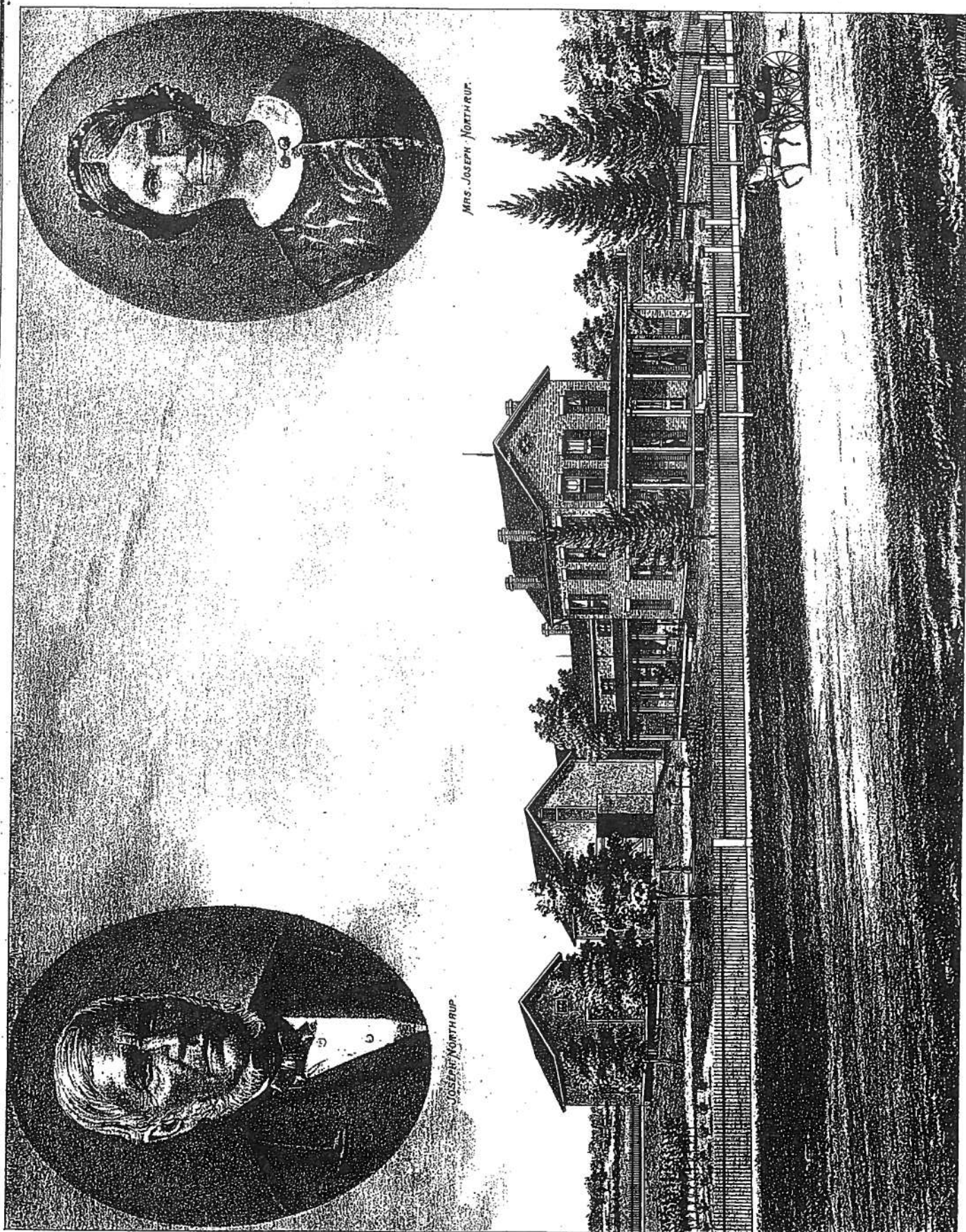
Joseph Northrup

Deceased is survived by three sons & one daughter Philip, Geo. H. & J. H. also one wife; Mrs. John Wells of Buffalo N.Y.

"Joseph Northrup was born at Jefferson, Schoharie C., New York, in the year 1806. His father, Mr. Joseph P. Northrup, was born and reared in Saratoga and after his marriage removed to Schoharie Co., and about the year 1822 removed to Brighton near Rochester. He was the father of three children by his first wife - one son and two daughters - and one daughter by his second wife. He lived to the age of 64 years and died at the home of his son, in the Town of Greece. The two daughters by his first wife are both deceased. The daughter of his second wife is still living, the widow of Mr. William Fell. Mr. Joseph Northrup in his boyhood, enjoyed the limited advantages of the common schools of that period until he was 19 years of age, when he came west to Rochester and was for several years engaged in teaming and staging. At the age of 24 he was married to Miss Maria Wesley, of East Bloomfield, Ontario County, with whom he lived a peaceful and happy life until 1871, when the union was severed by the death of his wife. Soon after his marriage he settled on the spot where now (1877) stands the beautiful home of his son, Mr. George W. Northrup. All his life since his marriage has been spent in the quiet occupation of farmer, with no other ambition than to be a good citizen and an industrious, honorable man; and the universal respect and esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances, and the love and devotion of his friends and relatives, attest that his life has been a success. He is the father of 6 children - 4 sons and 2 daughters - of whom 3 sons and one daughter are now living. George W., the second son, has the old home farm and residence, with whom the old gentleman has a pleasant home for his old age. We elsewhere in this work present a fine view of the residence and also portraits of Mr. Joseph Northrup and his deceased wife. "

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